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23 November 1981

William J. Casey

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for USSR

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

Bob:

In your capacity as NIO/USSR, could you get under way a review of the relationship between the government of the Soviet Union and its people. That is not the title; we can figure that out later. It would bring the state of dissidence up to date after the Madrid session on the Helsinki accords. It would deal with slave labor, prison and psychiatric camps drawing on and updating the very good analysis and graphics in the March 1979 Intelligence Assessment on Crime and Punishment in the Soviet Union. It would deal with separatist forces, nationalism and minorities. It would deal with health and alcoholism. (There was a striking and lengthy article on health problems in the Soviet Union in an issue of New York Review books some few months back. It was dealing with the human rights movement in the Soviet Union and intellectual dissent.) It would deal particularly with the problems in Soviet Central Asia and other areas which can be said to be Russian colonies. See the article on page 183 of attached book on the Third World. I also send you the recent NFAC products on dissidence, nationalities, and crime and punishment issues. You may feel that to ease the burden and move this more rapidly we should consider getting an outside. expert like who until rece<u>ntly was still in Washingto</u>

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Attachments:

Book, The Third World: Premises of U.S. Policy
Memo for DCI & DDCI from D/NFAC, 13 Nov 81, re NFAC's Research
on Soviet Dissidence and Nationalities Issues (ER 81-2834)
Memo for DCI from D/NFAC, 20 Nov 81, re Soviet Forced
Labor (ER 81-5539/1)

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